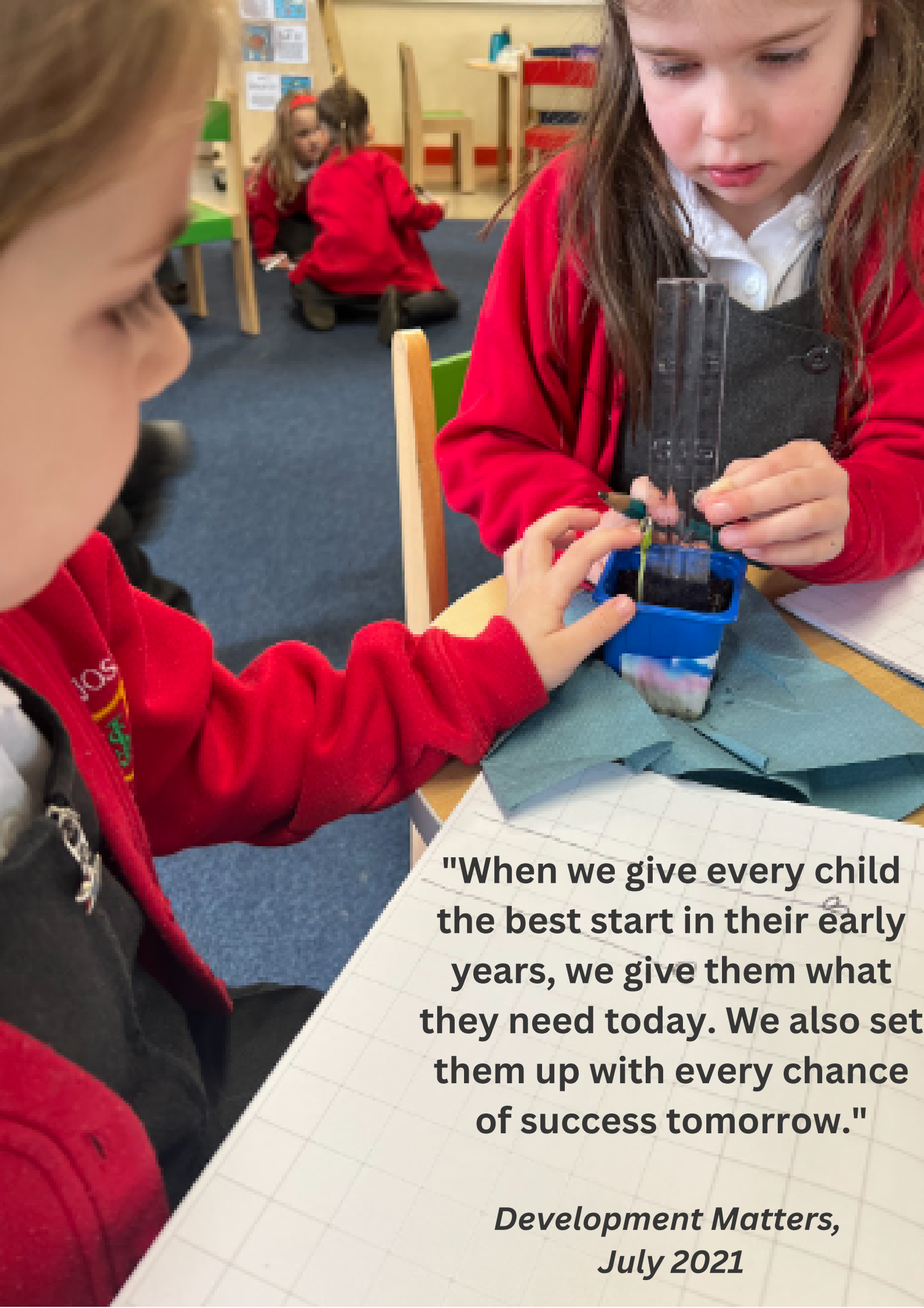




Starting in Reception at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



**An information
pack for
Parents and
Carers**



**"When we give every child
the best start in their early
years, we give them what
they need today. We also set
them up with every chance
of success tomorrow."**

***Development Matters,
July 2021***

The school day



We aim for a balance of teacher led tasks and independent activities to ensure the child can lead their own learning and follow their own interests.

We have a daily routine which includes activities such as; share a story, registration, phonics, circle time, teacher tasks and independent planning.

The children will also participate in whole school liturgies, assemblies and other special events like celebrating Mass in Church.

PE sessions will take place once a week as well as our weekly visit to the school library.

Throughout the academic year the children will go on planned trips and excursions aimed at enriching our curriculum and inspiring learning.

Your child will start Reception during the year that they turn five years of age. The Reception class will consist of up to thirty children, a teacher and at least one teaching assistant.

The Reception building is located next to the Nursery building, allowing our Early Years children to develop and make friendships when accessing our outdoor provision. On entering the building, the children will be welcomed by a friendly member of staff, starting their day with a smile. During the school day they will be involved in a wide range of planned activities.



What Your Child Needs To Bring To School

Listed below are the items children need to bring to school.

- Suitable coat with a hood as the children will be working outside as well as inside
- Bottle of PLAIN water to keep in the classroom to drink throughout the day
- Wellington boots which are named (to remain in school)
- PE bag with black plimsolls, school PE t-shirt and navy shorts (We keep the PE bags in school and send them home each half-term for a freshen up)
- A book bag



Please ensure that all belongings are clearly marked with your child's name

Children are able to have milk which will be paid for through the Cool Milk Scheme (cashless payment system) or they can have water. The school also participates in the free fruit for school scheme and a selection of fruit is offered each day. School meals are free for all children in Early Years and Key Stage one. All children will have a school lunch in the hall.



Welcome

We want to inform you about the activities and learning experiences that your child will be taking part in. We update parents using the following:



Fortnightly
Newslettter



EYFS Instagram



Youtube



Facebook

We use Tapestry as an online learning journey where we share with you group activities that your child has been involved in or snapshot observations of your child trying/ mastering a new skill. We encourage parents to comment on observations and share observations of their child at home too. This allows us to gain a deeper understanding of the whole child.

